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FROM: BERLIN

TO: Secretary of State

NO: 177, AUGUST 13, 11 AM

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ACTION DEPARTMENT 177, BONN NIACT 151, INFORMATION LONDON  
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BONN ALSO PASS INFO POLAD USAREUR PRITY 88 FROM BERLIN

PARIS FOR EMBASSY, USRO, STOESSEL AND FINN.

GDR INTERIOR MINISTRY DECREE DATED AUG. 12 EFFECTIVE  
IMMEDIATELY, LIMITS ALL VEHICULAR AND PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC  
BETWEEN EAST AND WEST BERLIN TO 13 CROSSING POINTS. DECREE ALSO  
STATES THAT GDR CITIZENS, INCLUDING CITIZENS OF "DEMOCRATIC  
BERLIN" MUST OBTAIN SPECIAL PERMISSION (GENEHMIGUNG) FROM  
"PEOPLES POLICE" IN ORDER TO ENTER WEST BERLIN; SPECIAL  
ANNOUNCEMENT TO GOVERN ISSUANCE OF THESE PERMITS. "PEACE-  
LOVING CITIZENS" OF WEST BERLIN PERMITTED TO ENTER EAST BERLIN  
AT DESIGNATED CROSSING POINTS ON PRESENTATION IDENTITY CARD.  
RESIDENTS OF WEST GERMANY CAN OBTAIN "DAY PASSES" AS  
PREVIOUSLY FOR EAST BERLIN AT FOUR CROSSING POINTS ON  
PRESENTATION OF ID CARD OR PASSPORT. FOR CITIZENS OF  
FOREIGN COUNTRIES, MEMBERS OF DIPLOMATIC CORPS AND OF  
WESTERN OCCUPATION POWERS, PREVIOUS ARRANGEMENTS  
(ORDNUNG) APPLY. GDR CITIZENS NOT WORKING IN BERLIN  
ARE REQUESTED NOT TO TRAVEL TO BERLIN UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.  
DECREE STATES.

EAST BERLIN MAGISTRATE ISSUED SEPARATE DECREE AIMED  
AT BORDER CROSSERS, WHICH STATES THAT "ON BASIS OF GDR  
COUNCIL OF MINISTERS' DECISION IT NO LONGER POSSIBLE FOR CITI-  
ZENS

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ZENS OF DEMOCRATIC BERLIN TO HAVE OCCUPATION IN WEST BERLIN." ALL BORDER CROSSERS URGED TO REPORT TO THEIR LAST PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT IN EAST BERLIN OR TO APPROPRIATE REGISTRATION STATIONS TO FIND SUITABLE EMPLOYMENT.

SEPARATE ANNOUNCEMENT OF MINISTRY FOR TRANSPORT IMPLEMENTS CHANGES IN TRAFFIC NETWORK OF BERLIN AREA, PARTICULARLY S-BAHN (RAPID TRANSIT SYSTEM) AND U-BAHN (SUBWAY). ALL THREE DECREES ALSO DISSEMINATED THROUGH HANDBILLS AND S-BAHN POSTERS.

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NOTE: PASSED WHITE HOUSE 8-13-61.

NOTE: MR. TYLER (EUR) INFORMED 8-13-61.

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